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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3792

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD POUCH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UR, US

SUBJ: SOVIET PUBLIC INTEREST IN WATERGATE

REF: A. MOSCOW 14004 B. LENINGRAD A-023

1. LISTENERS AT NOV. 11 FOREIGN AFFAIRS PUBLIC LECTURE IN MOSCOW SHOWED A LIVELY CURIOSITY ABOUT WATERGATE. WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO NOVOSTI LECTURER ASKED WHY PRESIDENT WAS BEING PRESSED TO RESIGN. WHAT ACCUSATIONS WERE MADE AGAINST HIM, WHAT WAS ON THE TAPES, AND WHAT THE OUTLOOK WAS FOR THE PRESIDENT. LECTURER CONFINED HIS REPLIES TO GENERALITIES, ASSERTING THAT ENTIRE MATTER WAS REFLECTION OF DIRTY POLITICS IN U.S. AND SHOULD BE SEEN IN PARTISAN POLITICAL TERMS. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON OUTLOOK, REMARKING THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE FORESEEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S FATE JUST TEN YEARS AGO.

2. LECTURER GAVE NO DETAILS OF DOMESTIC CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT NOR DID HE MENTION IMPEACHMENT, REFLECTING A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH THAN LENINGRAD LECTURER ON OCTOBER 28 (REFAIR).

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3. PRAVDA NOVEMBER 12 CARRIES TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK

QUOTING SECRETARY DENT'S CRITICISM OF THOSE CALLING  
FOR IMPEACHMENT OR RESIGNATION. ITEM SELECTS QUOTES  
STRONGLY DEFENDING THE PRESIDENT BUT ALSO SERVES TO  
KEEP THE MATTER BEFORE THE SOVIET PUBLIC.  
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